

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
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GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

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EXAMINER: Benjamin Lee  
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FOR: TILTED DRUM-TYPE WASHING MACHINE WITH PULSATOR AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant(s) wish to make of record the following document(s):
  - ☐ International Search Report from PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ☐ Written Opinion of the ISA from PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ☐ Search Report of \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office in Appl'n No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ☐ Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office in Appl'n No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ☐ Office Action of the U.S. Patent Office in Appl'n No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_;
  - Chinese Patent Gazette in Appl'n No. 200580013967.2, dated August 18, 2010.

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**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ A list of Applicant's pending applications or issued patents, which may be related to the present application, is shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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